

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please approve the red-marked corrections to FIG. 7. In anticipation of approval of the red-marked changes by the Examiner, a formal replacement sheet is enclosed.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has raised several issues with regard to the wording and phrasing of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112. An effort has been made to address each of those issues in a fashion that does not introduce any new matter nor affect the basis for patentability. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-15 would be allowable in their current scope if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections. In terms of the Examiner's reference to "current scope", some phrasing from claim 1 has been deleted, though this phrasing is not considered to be the basis for patentability and deleting it was believed to be the preferred way to resolve the corresponding 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection. Other changes, such as deleting the phrase "possibly composed of said transmitting transducers", is not believed to have provided any basis for patentability in view of the Examiner's remarks. The "either/or" option has been addressed by deleting that phrasing from claim 1 and adding that structure as part of a dependent claim (new claim 16).

If the Examiner does not feel that appropriate changes have been made to claims 1 and 9 to address all of the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections, the Applicant would appreciate a telephone call to the undersigned attorney of record in hopes of resolving any further concerns so as to expedite issuance of the patent.

With regard to the drawing objections, reference numbers 1 and 2 have been added to FIG. 7 and legends have been added to the various boxed components.

Although a red-marked drawing sheet is enclosed as a way of detailing the specific

changes made, it is anticipated that these will be approved and, in view of that anticipated approval, a formal replacement drawing sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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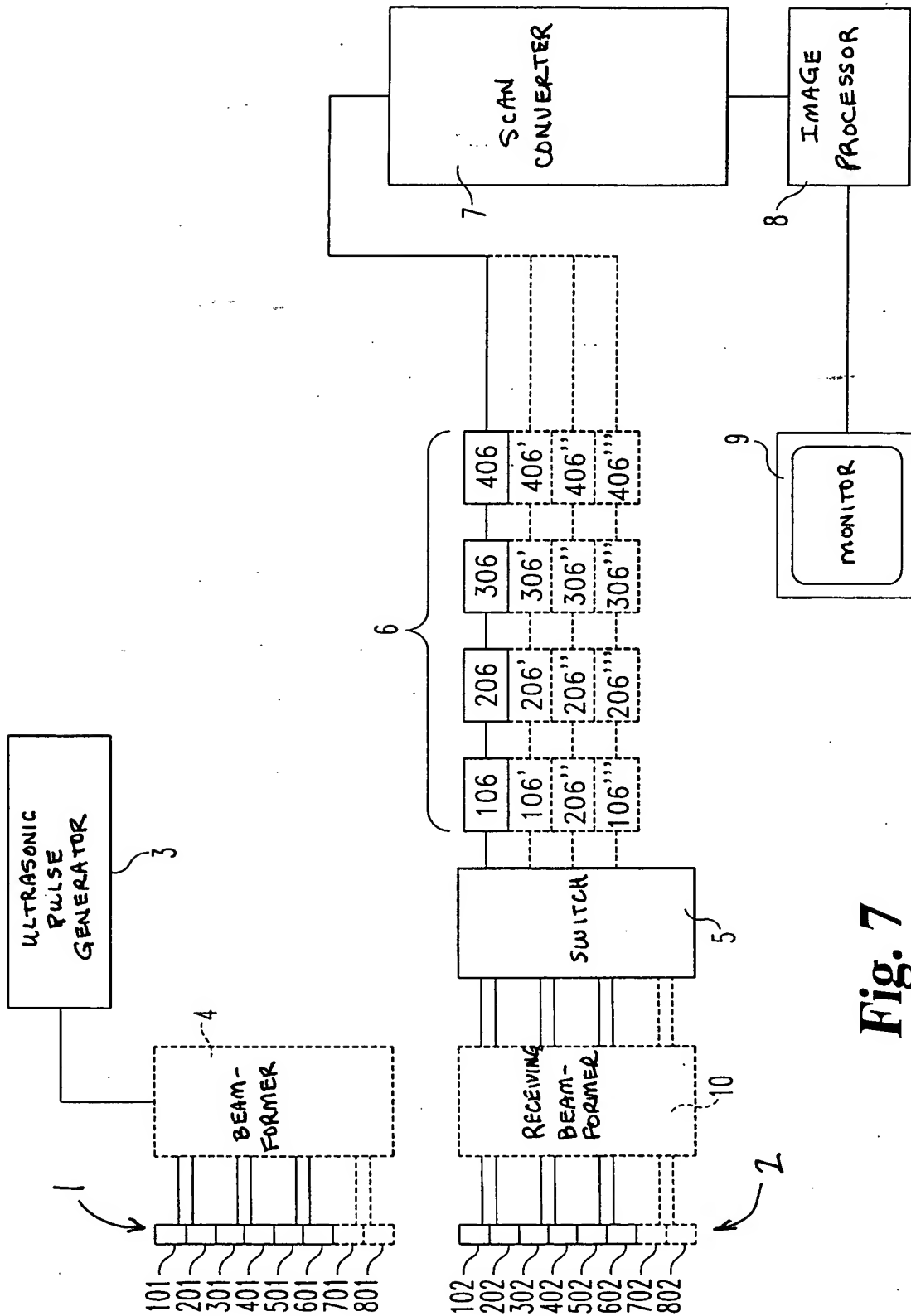


Fig. 7